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Montana Comprehensive Assessment System
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English Language Proficiency Assessment

Greetings! This is an addendum to the English language proficiency assessment memo that was sent out to test system coordinators the week of August the 20th. This document will provide:

- *more detailed information about WIDA's online trainings and webinars*
- *a cheat sheet of acronyms pertinent to English language learners (ELL)*
- *a link to a resource with great tips on what to do the first day with new English language learners: A Teacher's Survival Guide: Getting Started with English Language Learners*

WIDA Online Training and Information Webinars *All of these trainings require a user name and password which will be provided to you by your System Test Coordinator.*	Date Available

Introduction to WIDA:
Provides basic information for System Test Coordinators and educators about WIDA. This training portion has no quiz.
  1. Building Background Knowledge on WIDA (30 minutes)
  2. WIDA Assessments (26 minutes)
  3. WIDA Tools (27 minutes)
  To access these webinars go to: http://www.wida.us/downloadLibrary.aspx
 	
Look for the Videos/Webinars section and then Montana Webinars and 'click' on SHOW tab. Then click on the LOG IN tab next to the webinar you are trying to view. You will be prompted to log in and then will be returned to the downloads page and will be able to click on SITE to view the pre-recorded webinar.
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W-APT Trainings
Provides training for downloading, administering, scoring, and using the results of the *W-APT* to assist in the identification of newly enrolled students with limited English proficiency (LEP/ ELL). This training portion has no quiz. We suggest printing and reading the pertinent Test Administration Manual(s) before watching the webinar.
 	
  1. W-APT General Overview Webinar (9 minutes)
  2. W-APT Speaking & Writing Tests Webinar (16 minutes)
  3. W-APT Kindergarten Test Webinar (19 minutes)
 	
The W-APT training is available at: www.wida.us. Once you log in, you will click on the icon for the W-APT screener test which has training information and three recorded webinars.
 	
Please note: System Test Coordinators have access to W-APT testing materials with their ID and password. System Test Coordinators can elect to share this ID/password with test administrators once they have completed the trainings or they may choose to print all W-APT testing materials and distribute those to test administrators.
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Using W-APT Online Score Reports to Meet the Needs of ELLs *This will be made available via link in JUMP (September 2012)*	September 30
Using the Online Course for ACCESS for ELLs® Training	October 1

This gives details and instructions on how to access and use the ACCESS for ELLs Training. This will be available via a link in JUMP (September 2012)

Provides information on testing materials for system test coordinators and training for administration of the assessment.

Don't miss the VIDEO and AUDIO sections in this training!

The ACCESS Test Administrator training is available at: www.wida.us. Once you log in, you will click on the icon for the ACCESS for ELLs: Training Course and Quizzes. This is a comprehensive training course. Don't miss the video section in this training to see testing in action.

It is recommended that test administrators who have completed this training in the past repeat the training as this is only the second year of the administration. The speaking test training must be retaken as the information has been updated this year.

English Language Learner Acronyms Cheat Sheet
All these new acronyms driving you crazy? Here is a little guide for you…

Acronym	What does it mean?
ACCESS for ELLs	Name of the English Language Proficiency test given annually to monitor progress of ELLs ACCESS stands for: Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners.
CAL	Center for Applied Linguistics
ELD	English language Development (standards)
ELL(s)	English Language Learner(s)
ELP	English Language Proficiency (assessments)
ESL	English as a Second Language (program)
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
HLS	Home Language Survey
LEP	Limited English Proficient
TA	Test Administrator
W-APT	Name of the English language proficiency "screener" test given to incoming students who may be designated as English language learners W-APT stands for: WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test
WIDA	World-Class Instruction Design and Assessment

ACCESS *for ELLS* Assessment Timeline	Start Date	End Date
Deadline for school LEP program data to be entered into *AIM*	NA	10/12/2012
OPI orders tests and barcode labels for systems and schools.	NA	11/06/2012
Systems receive *ACCESS* test materials shipped by MetriTech*	NA	11/28/2012
Additional materials ordering deadline		1/16/2013
Test Window	12/3/2012	1/29/2013
Deadline for systems to ship return materials to MetriTech*		2/5/2013

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